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SUBJECT: CAIRO NEWS SUMMARY - JANUARY 15

1. SADAT'S STATEMENTS TO VISITING MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH JURISTS LED IN ALL PAPERS. AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHOURIYA EMPHASIZED VIEW THAT RENEWAL OF UNEF MISSION IN SINAI "IS CONTINGENT ON ISRAEL'S ACTIONS" AND STATEMENT THAT SUEZ CANAL WILL OPEN "FOR ALL SHIPS EXCEPT ISRAEL'S AS LONG AS STATE OF WAR CONTINUES." AL-AKHBAR FOCUSED ON SADAT'S REFUSAL TO ALIGN WITH ANY CAMP, HIS CALL FOR FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ON ALL FRONTS, SUPPORT OF ARAB-EUROPEAN DIALOGUE AND PRAISE OF "FRANCE'S LEADING ROLE IN EUROPE."

2. OTHER PROMINENT STORIES INCLUDED CURRENT FEISAL-ASSAD TALKS (ALL PAPERS), SADAT-MAREI DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC ISSUES INCLUDING ASU AND PRESS REORGANIZATION (AL-AHRAM AND AL-AKHBAR), IMPORTANT PLO-CAIRO TALKS TO COUNTER "SUBVERSIVE ATTEMPTS TO CREATE DOUBT ABOUT EGYPT'S SUPPORT OF ARAB AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS" (AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHOURIYA), MOSCOW'S REJECTION OF TRADE AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF CONGRESSIONAL LIMITATIONS, SCHLESINGER'S ME STATEMENT SUPPORTING PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY FORD AND UNCLASSIFIED

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KISSINGER (AL-AHRAM AND AL-AKHBAR), PLANS BY KUWAIT TO

REDUCE OIL PRODUCTION (AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHOURIYA), PLAN BY MEMBERS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION TO ELIMINATE DEPENDENCE ON ME OIL BY 1985 (AL-AHRAM) AND HEGAZI'S STATEMENT TO BBC THAT "U.S. SHOULD TAKE FURTHER STEPS TOWARD ME PEACE."

3. EDITORIALS CRITICIZED "ALLEGATIONS" CIRCULATING IN ME TUESDAY RE RUMORED CAIRO-TEL AVIV AGREEMENT. AL-AHRAM'S COLUMIST ALY HAMDY EL-GAMMAL CHARGED "CAMPAIGN IS WAGED BY FACTIONS (COMMENT: I.E. PALESTINIAN FACTIONS) WHICH GAIN FROM CONTINUOUS REGIONAL TENSION." AL-AKHBAR'S EDITOR MOUSSA SABRY, IN FRONTPAGE COLUMN, POINTED OUT EGYPT'S SACRIFICES FOR ARAB CAUSE, WHILE PAPER'S MAIN EDITORIAL REITERATED "EGYPT DOES NOT WITHDRAW FROM ARAB COMMITMENTS".

4. NASSER'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY AND ACHIEVEMENTS WERE THEMES OF MAIN EDITORIALS IN AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHOURIYA. AL-AHRAM'S CARTOON DEPICTED INFLATION SUFFOCATING WEST, WHILE FORD ACCUSES ARAB OIL COUNTRIES OF BEING RESPONSIBLE. MAESTRONE

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